

FRENCH HURL ARMED HOSTS IN TERRIFIC ASSAULT ON THE GERMANS' RIGHT WING

CZAR BEATS BACK GERMANS ON NORTH TO PRUSSIA BORDER

Downward Stroke on Warsaw Blocked by Hot Offensive—Drive From East Also Halted.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Both in the Lovicz and Miawa regions the Russian offensive has been highly successful. The army descending on Warsaw from East Prussia has been badly beaten and Russian troops are chasing the enemy toward his frontier. West of Warsaw the invading army has been blocked in its hitherto constant advance. The Russians defending the line in the Lovicz region have inflicted such serious losses upon the attacking army of General Mackensen that his lines will have to be re-formed before another general offensive can be attempted. Reports reaching here today make this claim, and assert that the Germans have been held in check all along the 30-mile front over which the engagement has been raging.

Through great snowdrifts in the region west of Warsaw the Germans are hurling 80,000 men upon the Russian line from Ilow to Givno in the greatest attempt they have yet made to open the way to the capital of Poland. They are making night and day attacks, but all have been repulsed, the Army Messenger states, and the Russians have maintained their positions without change.

In the Miawa region, where the Russians are making a drive toward the Thorn-Soldau front, the Germans have been forced to retire at several points from 10 to 25 miles before dashing raids by the Czar's cavalry.

The latest official statement from the War Office claims that the forces to the north of the Vistula have met with complete success in repulsing the German advance from the direction of Miawa. This movement has been completely crushed. It had for its object an advance upon Warsaw from the northeast. The Germans were attempting to make a wide detour through Przasnys, but are now declared to be in retreat.

Numerous villages in the Miawa-Przasnys region have been destroyed in the fighting. Guns from both sides have taken the towns and the inhabitants are homeless and destitute.

AUSTRIANS HALT CZAR'S ADVANCE ON CRACOW

Recapture Important Positions in the Western Carpathians.

VIENNA, Dec. 14.—According to today's War Office statement in West Galicia, the south wing of the Russian army was defeated at Limanovo (23 miles southeast of Cracow) and compelled to retreat. The Austrians are pursuing the enemy. All attacks along the rest of battle front failed, as did the previous ones.

Austrian forces which crossed the Carpathians after numerous battles again continue an energetic pursuit. In the afternoon they took Neu Sadek. Troops again have entered Grybow, Gorlice and Zmigrod. The enemy has completely evacuated the Zampin country.

Neu Sadek, Grybow, Gorlice and Zmigrod are all in the Carpathians. Neu Sadek is 45 miles southeast of Cracow, and Zmigrod is 10 miles from the Dukla Pass, with Grybow and Gorlice between. Yesterday's official report from Vienna told of great battles developing in that region. Two thousand Russians were said to have been captured by Austrians advancing across the Carpathians.

FRENCH RIGHT PUSHES BACK FOE IN ALSACE

Continued from Page One upon the Austrian army of invasion, putting the right wing to flight across the Drina and compelling retreat of the center to Belgrade, reoccupation of which is now the Serbian objective.

Berlin claims a decisive success in the downward stroke from East Prussia on Warsaw. The official statement is to effect that several of the Russian positions near East Prussia were taken and that 11,000 prisoners and 43 guns were captured.

The British submarine B-11, diving beneath fields of mines, entered the Dardanelles and sank the Turkish battleship Mesudieh, a 10,000-ton craft of the Aldu type. The B-11 was under water nine hours, escaping and re-joining the allied fleets at the entrance of the Dardanelles.

Batum, Russian Black Sea port, was set afire in the bombardment by the Turkish cruiser Goeben, according to a Constantinople official statement. Petrograd, however, states the damage was insignificant.

FRENCH RIGHT WING PUSHES ON IN ALSACE

Allies' Offensive Threatens Three German Strongholds.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The steady offensive taken by the French forces on their right wing has advanced their front in Alsace, according to the official announcement issued here this afternoon. In the Wever region the French have captured a line of German trenches on a front 500 yards long and have repulsed two fierce counter attacks.

The progress made by the French in the direction of the three principal German strongholds on the Alsace-Lorraine front, namely, Metz, Strasbourg and Mulhausen. Evacuation of St. Mihiel by the Germans is mentioned as a result of the progress of the French in the forest of Enzpritz, where they are menacing the invaders line of communication with Metz. The French are within 12 miles of the Metz forts at Metz, 20 miles from the entrance at Mulhausen, which is one of the weak points in the western wing defending Strasbourg, and within eight miles of the positions defending Mulhausen on the west side.

28,000 AUSTRIANS CAPTIVES

Services to Date Have Captured That Number and Many Guns.

NISH, Dec. 14.—Official Serbian Service issued here today, says that up to December 11, 1914, the Serbian army had captured 28,000 prisoners, 27 guns and 40 machine-guns.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



SERBS WIN DASHING CAMPAIGN AGAINST AUSTRIAN INVADER

Right Wing Forced to Retire Across Drina, While Centre Falls Back Toward Belgrade.

NISH, Dec. 14.—Every attempt of the Austrians to reform their lines to resist the victorious Serbian army led by King Peter has failed, says an official statement issued here today, and the Serbs are continuing their successful offensive. The statement adds:

"On December 11 we advanced beyond the line of Mokrah-Gora-Sevalaka-Debriva. In the direction of Milanovats and Belgrade our advance was successful. The enemy is retreating toward Obrenovats. We captured seven officers and 218 men, two standards, 18 mortars and a large quantity of equipment."

The shattered Austrian right wing crossed the Drina into Bosnia, where it was attacked by the Montenegrins near Visegrad, and had to leave another toll of prisoners, killed and wounded and war material. The pursuing Serbians also picked up another 5000 prisoners and some guns and munitions.

The Austrian army from Belgrade has again essayed attacks against the Serbian right wing, but meeting with no success, retired. It is unofficially reported that the Austrians are preparing to leave Belgrade.

KAISER FACES OPERATION

Illness Now Regarded as Not Serious. Issues Orders.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—According to private information received from a Berlin source, the Kaiser will be obliged to undergo an operation of the throat. Army authorities have been informed that the Emperor will not be able to return to the front before Christmas and that the doctors advise a quiet life for at least a month.

It is said his illness is not dangerous, but the Kaiser is very refractory and far more concerned about the progress of the war than his own condition. He continues to send orders and suggestions to eastern army headquarters.

The Crown Prince, the report from the capital says, arrived in Berlin secretly and visited his father.

U. S. XMAS TRUCE PLAN EXCITES GERMANS' INTEREST

Berlin Press, However, Predicts Failure of Proposal for Armistice.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Reports that the United States intends to suggest that the warring European nations agree to a Christmas armistice, aroused considerable interest here today. German officials refused to comment on the matter, but one of the leading newspapers said that as some Powers had refused to consider a proposition made by Pope Benedict, they would probably take the same action on any suggestion from the United States.

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BATUM BURNS FROM FIRE OF TURKISH BATTLESHIPS

Russia Denies Damage — Goeben Again Active.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14.—It is officially announced that the Turkish warship Jawsa-Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, bombarded and set fire to the Russian port of Batum last Friday. Russian land batteries replied to the bombardment, but were ineffective.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—An official statement telling of the bombardment by Turkish warships of the Russian fortified port of Batum, in the Black Sea, was issued by the headquarters of the Caucasian army:

"On Saturday, December 12, toward 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the former German cruiser Goeben, accompanied by the Turkish torpedo gunboat Berk Satvet, approached Batum and attempted to bombard the fortress of the city. The forts, however, opened fire, and the Goeben, after firing 15 shots, rapidly withdrew. The damage caused by the fire of the warships was insignificant."

ATHENS, Dec. 14.—Mutiny broke out among the crews of the Turkish fleet at Constantinople, owing to the brutal conduct of the German officers.

At the same time, owing to a similar cause, there was a revolt in the barracks at Hiamout, in which two German officers were killed.

FORESEES RUMANIA IN WAR

Athenian Newspaper Predicts Hostilities by End of Month.

ATHENS, Dec. 14.—"Rumania will declare war on Austria before the end of December" is the startling prediction made today by the newspaper Nea-Hellas. It declares it has "good reason" for making this announcement.

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TWO AUSTRIAN WARCRRAFT MINED IN THE ADRIATIC

All Hands Lost on Disastrous Trip From Pola Base.

ROME, Dec. 14.—Two Austrian torpedoboats are reported to have been sunk in the Adriatic with the loss of all on board when they struck mines while en route from Pola to Lissa, according to a dispatch from Trieste.

The message says the report was received by financial circles in Trieste.

DRESDEN ESCAPES FOE AND SAFE, SAYS REPORT

Passed Punta Arenas in Flight—Rumor Discredited.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 14.—The German Consul at Punta Arenas today reported that the cruiser Dresden, of Admiral von Spee's squadron, has passed that port, escaping the British fleet uninjured. The Consul reported that the Dresden had wireless to him a brief account of the engagement with the British, and stated that she was proceeding on the high seas.

In view of other reports that have been received the statement that the Dresden is uninjured is not generally believed.

CORNWALLIS-WEST SHOT AS TRAITOR, IS REPORT

Well-known Englishman Accused of Being German Spy.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 14.—Two private letters have reached this city from London, having passed the censor untouched. One was written by a woman in the British capital to her husband here and the other comes from a man in close touch with official circles. Both state that George Cornwallis-West, a well-known political and social figure, has been shot for treason.

In the letter written by the woman referred to, now in the possession of the Herald Republican, the following statement is made: "George Cornwallis-West was found in General Kitchener's private room, tam-

pering with official papers and getting information for the Germans. One report says he was taken out to sea and shot; another says he was taken to Lewis prison and shot. Anyway, he was shot." Continuing, the writer says: "We could have saved Maubeuge (France), had it not been for the treachery of two French officers. They kept their arms back 17 hours and our men were obliged to retreat. Kitchener went over to France himself, and tried them and had them shot."

Captives, on Parole, Returned

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—Two German officers who had been interned at Bergen, in the Dutch province of North Brabant, and who made their escape from the country despite the fact that they had their parole, have arrived back from Germany. They stated they were ordered to return by the German authorities.

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